

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER S-0817-US
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/US05/000399	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 7 January 2005	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (Unknown, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/585663
PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 7 January 2004		
TITLE OF INVENTION Vacuum Container System and Related Method		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Richard F. Dawson, Charles G. Walker		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). </p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). </p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. </p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p>		
Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:		
<p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p>		

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.414 and 1.491-1.492. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public, which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 15 minutes to complete, including gathering information, preparing, and submitting the completed form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5)	INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.	ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER																																																																																																																									
10/585663	PCT/US05/000399	S-0817-US																																																																																																																									
<p>20. Other items or information: Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) and Assignments Notification of Transmittal of The International Preliminary Report on Patentability</p>																																																																																																																											
<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">The following fees have been submitted</th> <th>CALCULATIONS</th> <th>PTO USE ONLY</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a))</td> <td>\$300</td> <td>\$300</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c))</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>If the written opinion prepared by IS/US or the International preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of the PCT Article 33(1)-(4)</td> <td>\$0</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>All other situations</td> <td>\$200</td> <td>\$200</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee (37 CFR 1.492(b))</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the International preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)</td> <td>\$0</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority</td> <td>\$100</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB</td> <td>\$400</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>All other situations</td> <td>\$500</td> <td>\$400</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 =</td> <td></td> <td>\$900</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing in compliance with 37 CFR 1.821(c) or (e) or computer program listing in an electronic medium) (37 CFR 1.492(j)). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Sheets</td> <td>Extra Sheets</td> <td>Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)</td> <td>RATE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>22 -100 =</td> <td>0 /50 =</td> <td>0</td> <td>x \$250.00 .</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing any of the search fee, examination fee, or the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492 (h)).</td> <td></td> <td>\$0</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>CLAIMS</th> <th>NUMBER FILED</th> <th>NUMBER EXTRA</th> <th>RATE</th> <th>\$</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Total claims</td> <td>11 - 20 =</td> <td>0</td> <td>x \$50</td> <td>\$0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Independent claims</td> <td>4 - 3 =</td> <td>1</td> <td>x \$200</td> <td>\$200</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)</td> <td>+ \$360</td> <td>\$0</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</td> <td>\$1,100</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.</td> <td></td> <td>\$550</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">SUBTOTAL =</td> <td>\$550</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).</td> <td>+ \$0</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</td> <td>\$550</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21 (h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property</td> <td>+ \$0</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</td> <td>\$550</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"></td> <td>Amount to be refunded:</td> <td>\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"></td> <td>Amount to be charged:</td> <td>\$</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			The following fees have been submitted		CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY	21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a))	\$300	\$300		22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c))				If the written opinion prepared by IS/US or the International preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of the PCT Article 33(1)-(4)	\$0			All other situations	\$200	\$200		23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee (37 CFR 1.492(b))				If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the International preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)	\$0			Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority	\$100			International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB	\$400			All other situations	\$500	\$400		TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 =		\$900		<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing in compliance with 37 CFR 1.821(c) or (e) or computer program listing in an electronic medium) (37 CFR 1.492(j)). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.				Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	RATE	22 -100 =	0 /50 =	0	x \$250.00 .	Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing any of the search fee, examination fee, or the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492 (h)).			\$0	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>CLAIMS</th> <th>NUMBER FILED</th> <th>NUMBER EXTRA</th> <th>RATE</th> <th>\$</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Total claims</td> <td>11 - 20 =</td> <td>0</td> <td>x \$50</td> <td>\$0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Independent claims</td> <td>4 - 3 =</td> <td>1</td> <td>x \$200</td> <td>\$200</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)</td> <td>+ \$360</td> <td>\$0</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</td> <td>\$1,100</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	\$	Total claims	11 - 20 =	0	x \$50	\$0	Independent claims	4 - 3 =	1	x \$200	\$200	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$360	\$0	TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$1,100			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.			\$550	SUBTOTAL =		\$550		Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).		+ \$0		TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =		\$550		Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21 (h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property		+ \$0		TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =		\$550				Amount to be refunded:	\$			Amount to be charged:	\$
The following fees have been submitted		CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY																																																																																																																								
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a))	\$300	\$300																																																																																																																									
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c))																																																																																																																											
If the written opinion prepared by IS/US or the International preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of the PCT Article 33(1)-(4)	\$0																																																																																																																										
All other situations	\$200	\$200																																																																																																																									
23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee (37 CFR 1.492(b))																																																																																																																											
If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the International preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)	\$0																																																																																																																										
Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority	\$100																																																																																																																										
International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB	\$400																																																																																																																										
All other situations	\$500	\$400																																																																																																																									
TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 =		\$900																																																																																																																									
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing in compliance with 37 CFR 1.821(c) or (e) or computer program listing in an electronic medium) (37 CFR 1.492(j)). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.																																																																																																																											
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	RATE																																																																																																																								
22 -100 =	0 /50 =	0	x \$250.00 .																																																																																																																								
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing any of the search fee, examination fee, or the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492 (h)).			\$0																																																																																																																								
<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>CLAIMS</th> <th>NUMBER FILED</th> <th>NUMBER EXTRA</th> <th>RATE</th> <th>\$</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Total claims</td> <td>11 - 20 =</td> <td>0</td> <td>x \$50</td> <td>\$0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Independent claims</td> <td>4 - 3 =</td> <td>1</td> <td>x \$200</td> <td>\$200</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)</td> <td>+ \$360</td> <td>\$0</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</td> <td>\$1,100</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	\$	Total claims	11 - 20 =	0	x \$50	\$0	Independent claims	4 - 3 =	1	x \$200	\$200	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$360	\$0	TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$1,100																																																																																																	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	\$																																																																																																																							
Total claims	11 - 20 =	0	x \$50	\$0																																																																																																																							
Independent claims	4 - 3 =	1	x \$200	\$200																																																																																																																							
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$360	\$0																																																																																																																							
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$1,100																																																																																																																							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.			\$550																																																																																																																								
SUBTOTAL =		\$550																																																																																																																									
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).		+ \$0																																																																																																																									
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =		\$550																																																																																																																									
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21 (h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property		+ \$0																																																																																																																									
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =		\$550																																																																																																																									
		Amount to be refunded:	\$																																																																																																																								
		Amount to be charged:	\$																																																																																																																								

IAP6 Rec'd PCT/PTO 07 JUL 2006

PTO-1390 (Rev. 07-2005)

Approved for use through 3/31/2007. OMB 0651-0021

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

a. A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.

b. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 502768 in the amount of \$ 550.00 to cover the above fees.
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

c. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502768. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

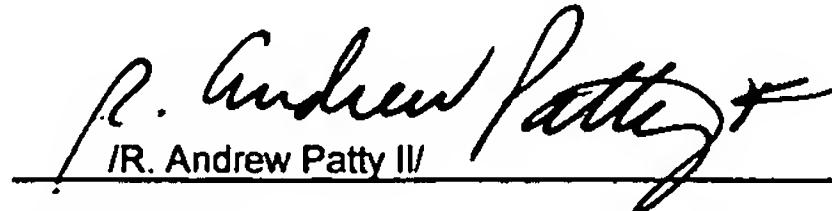
d. Fees are to be charged to a credit card. **WARNING:** Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

10/585663

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.

SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:

R. Andrew Patty II
Sieberth & Patty, LLC
4703 Bluebonnet Boulevard
Baton Rouge, LA 70809



/R. Andrew Patty II/

SIGNATURE

R. Andrew Patty II
NAME

38992
REGISTRATION NUMBER

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RICHARD F. DAWSON ET AL.)

SERIAL NO. --)

FILED: HEREWITH)

FOR: VACUUM CONTAINER SYSTEM
AND RELATED METHOD)

Mail Stop PCT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.10 - EXPRESS MAIL

I hereby certify that the correspondence stapled hereto and identified below is being deposited by me with the United States Postal Service as EXPRESS MAIL in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia, 22313-1450, on July 7, 2006. The number of the "Express Mail" mailing label place thereon prior to mailing is ED212329430US.

Said correspondence consists of the following:

- (1) 3-page Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (3rd page in duplicate authorizing the payment in the amount of \$550.00);
- (2) 3-page Preliminary Amendment;
- (3) 4-page Application Data Sheet;
- (4) 1-Power of Attorney;
- (5) 1-page Statement with (2) 2-page copy of executed Assignment Documents; and
- (6) 13-page International Preliminary Report on Patentability.

A return postcard is attached hereto.

Celeste N. Merritt
Celeste N. Merritt

Telephone: (225) 291-4600

Dated: July 7, 2006